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COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY **ACQUIRED INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE JANUARY 24, 2012 MINUTES**

Note: These minutes are a summary of the proceedings and motions of the January 24, 2012, meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

CALL TO ORDER Ms. Debbie Teetzel, chairperson, called the January 24, 2012, Colorado Health

> Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee (CHFAIAC) to order at approximately 2:03 p.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.

Ms. Debbie Teetzel; Ms. B. Burton; Mr. Paul Poduska; Ms. Denise de Percin; and **Members Present (In Person)**

Mr. Kerry O'Connell.

Members Present (via

teleconference)

Dr. Allison Sabel-Soteres and Ms. Cindy Thistle.

Dr. Sara Reese; Ms. Tara Janosz; Ms. Karen Rich; Ms. Sara Jackson; Mr. Randy **CDPHE Staff Present**

Kuykendall; Mr. Juan Suazo; Ms. Katie Conrath; and Ms. Idana Espinoza.

Ms. Deanna Curry (Colorado Foundation for Medical Care). **Guests and Visitors Present**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Ms. Debbie Teetzel presented the draft minutes from the December 13, 2011

meeting of the Colorado Health Facility Acquired Infections Advisory Committee.

MOTION MOVED BY PAUL PODUSKA, SECONDED BY KERRY O'CONNELL, TO

> APPROVE THE DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2011, MEETING OF THE COLORADO HEALTH FACILITY ACQUIRED

INFECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOTION CARRIED MOTION PASSED

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

Sara Reese

Sara Reese requested committee feedback on the 2011 Annual Report. Paul found the summaries to be a valuable addition to the report. The overall downward trend in infections of 40% over the last four years was questioned due to the small sample size of validations. Sara and Ned Calonge were interviewed on NPR. The committee has yet to receive feedback from the legislature. Kerry is giving eight Colorado congressmen copies of the report over the next couple weeks. He also plans to send the report to a handful of infected individuals to request feedback if the report would

have impacted their decisions. It was suggested that the report analyze teaching hospitals vs. non-teaching hospitals to show the discrepancies in infection rates. B presented her issue with the data that is pulled solely from coding as being an inaccurate reflection of actual infections.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT IDEAS

Sara Reese

Katie presented her review on leading states reports to the committee to see if there are any topics that can be used in the next annual report. DeDe suggested highlighting top facilities similarly to Pennsylvania's report. The main issue with presenting that data is that the data is not fully validated. The committee may attempt to get validation added to statute or rules and regulations since CMS may tie validation of infections to reimbursement in the future. Another option is to have a section dedicated to IPs to inform the public what an Infection Preventionist is and the certifications they hold. The committee can include this information on the website as well. Connecticut breaks down the different organisms found in the CLABSI they are reporting and what infections they cause. The overall presentation of data should be presented in the best way for the public to interpret. Kerry presented his idea to give facilities awards based on their infection rates. Awards would include facilities that have outperformed the national average and most improved over the last reporting period. It would also be useful to show the total infections in Colorado, not just the infections that are reported in NHSN.

<u>VISITOR: RANDY</u> KUYKENDALL

Mr. Kuykendall, Deputy Director of the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division, and the committee exchanged introductions.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICANTS

Denise de Percin

DeDe requested input from the committee on how to move forward with selection of the 'at large' positions. It is unlikely that the amendment will make it into this legislative session as an attachment to another bill. DeDe suggested committee members meet with staff at CDPHE to inform them of the importance behind changing the requirements for those positions on the committee. Mr. Kuykendall suggested filling the positions how it is currently laid out in statute until the bill gets officially changed. Sara will reopen the recruitment announcement leaving the RN requirement intact until changed in statute. The applicants who did not meet the requirements will be encouraged to attend as guests, but will be non-voting members. Those applicants can apply to vacancies once the statute is changed to include other advanced degrees.

PATIENT SAFETY PROGRAM FUTURE

Sara Reese

Sara informed the committee that the Patient Safety Program is operating fully on grant funding set to expire at the end of this year. DeDe solicited ideas from committee members how to transition the program to fully funded. Deanna spoke on the direction CMS is taking that encourages partnerships between the state and private sector. CDPHE and the committee are aiding providers through training and validation that would be lost without continued funding. DeDe presented three additional funding options: adding the program to the state budget, private foundation funds, or a cash fund. Mr. Kuykendall spoke towards CDPHEs commitment to the Patient Safety Program and the difficulty faced ahead to assure funds are available to keep up with the work that is being done. Sustainable funding options will be researched by the committee and CDPHE.

PATIENT SAFETY PROGRAM 2012 PROJECTS

Sara Reese

Sara informed the committee of a grant received from CDC to do validation of hip and knee data and dialysis centers.

$\frac{\text{SSI VALIDATION STUDY}}{\text{UPDATE}}$

Tara Janosz

Tara presented the status of the validation study to the committee. 18 facilities have been validated and 23 facilities remain. 187 out of the 437 patients have been looked at so far. Two procedures have been removed from NHSN. One was incorrect coding and the other was a hiatal hernia that is not reported. Two operative procedures were also removed from NHSN due to incisions not being closed. The

committee members will put together a list of recommended practices for surveillance to be published at a later date. Tara is drafting a letter that will be sent to the 437 patients that are being validated explaining that their records were reviewed based on a procedure they had in the first half of 2010.

COMMITTEE UPDATESJuan has sent out two rounds of solicitations for IP champions for the next

newsletter and no nominations have been received. The committee will nominate an

IP or program for the upcoming newsletter.

Debbie's last meeting as chairperson will be the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.